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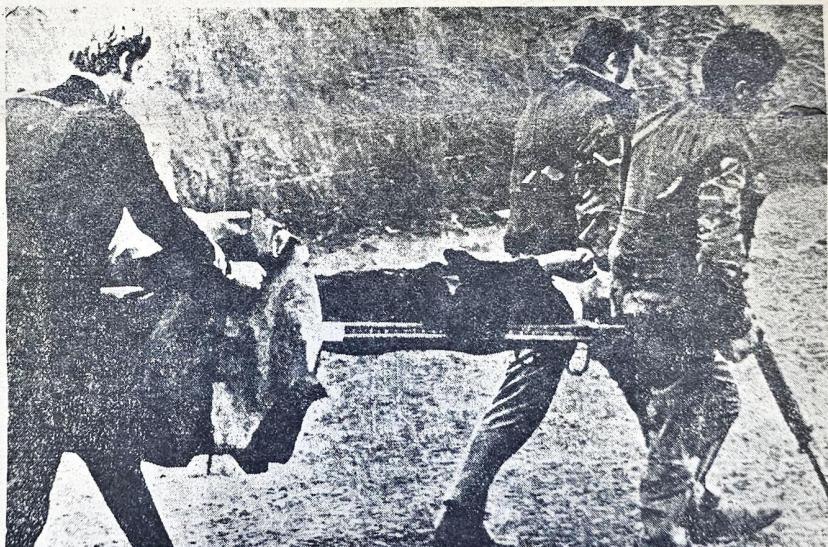
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WE PRINT HERE THE
FULL TEXT OF A
STATEMENT FROM THE
BELFAST BRIGADE STAFF,
OGLAIGH NA h-EIREANN,
ABOUT THE ACTIVITIES
OF FULL-TIME MURDER
GANGS:-



The murder of Sean Farmer and Colum McCartney near Newtownhamilton on Sunday night, following the Miami band massacre a few weeks ago, poses the obvious question: How much longer are UDR murder gangs to be allowed freedom to roam the roads with the blessing of the British Government, with the protection of the British Government, with arms supplied by the British Government?

The UVF has accepted responsibility for this foul murder (or at least have acknowledged that it was carried out by one of their satellite organisations – the Protestant Action Force). Why then blame the UVF one may ask? Because we can state positively from information at our disposal that the majority of UDR personnel are also members of Loyalist paramilitary organisations.

We have repeated claims from the UVF that within their organisations they have serving members of the UDR, British Army, RUC and RUC Reserves; and to back this assertion how often have we witnessed the spectacle of UDR men in court charged with offences such as armed robbery, possession of arms etc., declaring their membership of the UVF/UDA from the dock and concluding with a cry of "NO SURRENDER!"

When the RUC B-Special force was disbanded, their officers made repeat-

ed calls to their men to join the UDR and "Save Ulster." They answered this call to such effect that the UDR became a resurrected 'B' Special Force. Has the British Government ever revealed what percentage of the UDR are ex-'B' men? This then is the Force that politicians are urging us to place our trust in and to co-operate with in putting an end to terrorism!

Mr. Farmer and Mr. McCartney were murdered at a UDR road-block which an RUC patrol had passed through a few minutes earlier. The RUC said they thought the patrol was manned by 'legitimate' personnel. Is it not a fact that any unit of the State Forces operating a road-check in the area would be attached to the same RUC barracks and therefore unmistakably recognisable?

The outcome of a Special Security meeting held at Stormont to discuss the latest sectarian murders was advice to the public not to travel at night.

We demand that the UDR be withdrawn from our roads. We have suffered too much from these thugs in British uniforms and we repeat that we are pledged to defend our people from Loyalist murder gangs even when masquerading as "Official" British Army Forces.

Our present truce with the British Government does not
protect us from retaliatory actions.

For the past few weeks we have been featuring extracts from Faoi Glas. This week we switch to the journal produced by the girls in Armagh jail – AN REABLOID (transl. THE REVOLUTION). This week we begin with a short story.

THE STIFF BLACK BERET

Mary McCarthy watched with pride as her youngest son hurried up the hill. From behind the white net curtains in the parlour she could see the blond head, now silver-like in the weak morning sun, crowned by a stiff black school beret. Although she had known the beret would be stuffed unceremoniously into his new leather satchel as soon as Thomas was out of sight she had insisted he wear it along with the rest of the uniform for that very important day.

At eleven years of age it was Thomas's first day at the new Grammar School but it was for her the achievement of a goal she had long cherished. For a minute Mary allowed herself to wonder where the money would come from to pay for the books and clothes Thomas would need over the next few years but quickly she pushed the worry aside. That was a problem to be faced in the future and she had no time to spend in idle thought.

Days turned quickly to weeks, weeks to months and the months into years. The McCarthy family had their fair share of hardships but Mary managed as best she could to make good of what little they had. The passing years had brought the 'troubles' to the little streets of Belfast but Mary had no time to spare worrying over the gun-battles and bombings which had gradually become everyday occurrence. With her husband Don on the 'brew' and three sons to feed and clothe Mary had been forced to find a job working nights in the local pub. She did not like the work but could not afford to leave, and so she kept her feelings on the subject to herself. Better that Don did not know how much she disliked serving behind the bar. Don had been a bricklayer (and a good one) but jobs were hard to come by especially for a man like Don who was not ashamed to say he was a Catholic when the 'important' question of religion was raised at an interview.

Her two older sons Pat and Sean were leaving for England at the end of the month and had promised to send what money they could to help keep Thomas at school. The money would be a God-send but Mary wished they didn't have to go so far away to get jobs.

SHORT STRAND

For the past nine nights shots have been fired into Perry Street – and sometimes at children – in the Short Strand district. The shooting has come from the loyalist Malcolm Lane/Albertbridge Road.

The British Army always arrives on the scene a few minutes after the shooting has stopped and then they interfere with local people. The people demanded that a wall be built so as to offer them some protection. In response the Brits erected a four feet high wire fence.



Easter 1972 came and passed with the usual marches and celebrations. Mary said a dry-eyed and rather formal farewell to Pat and Sean and settled back into her daily routine of cleaning, cooking and working behind the bar at night. Don no longer searched the 'Situations Vacant' column every evening and just brooded about the house saying little and getting in her way. It was a warm day in June when Thomas came from the school early after sitting an examination and rushed upstairs to change out of his uniform. Standing at the big old fashioned sink in the pokey kitchen peeling the potatoes for the dinner, Mary paid little attention to Thomas' explanation of why he had to go out again. After all he was growing up and he was rarely in the house. Mary made a mental note to find more time to spend with him but she was always so busy. If Thomas heard her shouting not to be long he made no sign and shaking her head Mary went back to peeling the potatoes.

The sharp crack of a shot brought her back to the present and she listened to the burst of gunfire as a feeling of dread slowly crept through her. Dropping the knife she rushed to the door, Don behind her. Afterwards she could not explain how she sank but it was as if her very soul had drained away leaving an emptiness that was far worse than any pain of heartache. She never saw the body that lay on the pavement a few streets away and when the body was brought home it was in a closed coffin. She knew why but the knowledge did not affect her. Don was a broken man and it was Mary who handled the arrangements. The day the coffin was brought home two men called to the house to see Don. Out in the kitchen Mary made the inevitable cup of tea for the neighbours and friends who called in to offer their sympathy.

When Don finally entered the kitchen Mary did not turn around until he took a long hard breath and said in a voice Mary had not heard in a long time, "Our son Thomas is having a military funeral." Something in his tone made Mary suppress the angry words she was about to say, and when Don went on: "He died as a soldier and we owe it to him to bury him like one," she knew it was settled.

And so Thomas was buried with full military honours on a beautiful June day. Standing by the grave listening to a man praise the bravery of the son, Mary studied the faces of the young men and women in uniform who stood erect around the coffin. She did not cry. She could not cry; but she turned away as Don threw the first clay into the black hole. The thud of the earth hitting the coffin sounded like thunder to her ears. Afterwards it was not Mary who needed the support of Sean and Pat and Don who had to be led sobbing from the lonely mound of earth. Mary's heart was buried with Thomas.

It was a week later, just past midnight as Mary was settling the fire for the night that a gentle knock came to the door. She debated whether to answer or not but curiously as to who was about at such an hour made her go into the hall and open the door. Her eyes not yet accustomed to the blackness of the night made it impossible for her to see the face of the figure standing before her, but the soft voice was reassuring. "Sorry for disturbing you so late Mrs. McCarthy but I thought you would like to have these." With that the stranger silently walked down the path and stepped into waiting car. Mary waited until the car drove off, the sound of the engine on insult to the calm peaceful night. The car's headlights were not switched on.

When the night was once more silent Mary closed the door and went back into the kitchen. Slowly she opened the paper bag and the orange silk triangle she took out, puzzled her at first. Pictures of the funeral flicked across her mind. The men and women in uniform carrying numerous wreaths, the six men of the guard of honour, the shots fired over the coffin and the huge silken tricolour.

Mary sat down and let the flag unfold around her while she pulled the last article from the bag – a stiff black beret. Memories flooded back as she sat caressing it. All the hopes and dreams she had built around Thomas.

There on the rug before the dying embers of the fire that once burned so bright Mary McCarthy began to cry.

VOLUNTEER 'A' COMPANY.

Right:
Pictured outside the home of Harold Wilson in Lord North Street on August 10th Andreas O'Callaghan of Dublin, who travelled over to address the rally held by Sinn Fein, and Bob McNeill chairman of London Comhairle Ceannair

Left:
A section of the crowd which attended the Memorial Mass for Vol. Michael Gaughan in North London recently. Mr. John Gaughan is pictured 5th from left



THE STICKIES – A MILITANT SDLP

That the Stickies have always been a reformist organisation has never really been in doubt. That this reformist attitude in a revolutionary situation, should lead to a move from passive support for British imperialism and its local agents to one of Active support, is logical. If confirmation of this trend was needed it is to be found in the press organ of the Stickies, the 'United Irishman.'

"As British political control over the North rests firmly in the hands of the British government, they must bear the responsibility for finding a solution."

has the power to take the steps necessary to bring peace, democracy and community reconciliation not the abolition of Stormont." (U.I. June 1975).

The above statements were made by Tomas MacGiolla, in Armagh on Sunday June 1st this year. They are consistent with other illustrations of this trend, i.e. the Stalinist: purge of party militants, (leading to the formation of the I.R.S.P.), and the supplying of intelligence information (relating to the I.R.S.P.), to Loyalist murder gangs.

No later than July, speaking in Derry, MacGiolla, referring to the pre-Stormont days

of 1970 to 1971 said: "We demanded democracy and basic Civil Rights, not the abolition of Stormont." (U.I. August 1975).

Are these the words of a Republican? Are these the words of a revolutionary?

Now that the Ring Road has been scrapped the Stickies new pet subject is a 'Bill of Rights.' They want this Bill to 'guarantee' the freedom for political thought and activity, the establishment of law enforcement agencies acceptable to 'the overwhelming majority of the citizens' (a familiar phrase). They also want these 'guarantees' to be accompanied by 'suitable and meaningful machinery,' for their imple-

mentation. What they do not clarify is who would be responsible for these 'guarantees' or who would control their 'meaningful machinery.' Perhaps MacGiolla's speeches of June give us some indication of who they have in mind.

This Bill would work wonders, for instance is, "would put Republicans and Socialists on an equal footing in the eyes of the law as Unionists and Social Democrats." (U.I. May 1975). It would outlaw "all forms of religious discrimination and sectarianism" (U.I. May 1975). This statement was also made without stating who would enforce it and with-

out explaining why the Incitement to Hatred Act (1970) failed. But then MacGiolla appears to have more confidence in the Brits than in the Unionists.

"Finally the Bill proposes the establishment of a Constitutional Court which would implement the Bill." (U.I. May 1975). Again, under whose control would this Constitutional Court be?

This type of political 'thought' comes as no surprise to the Republican Movement. It is typical of all constitutional and reformist groups who think in terms of a 6 county settlement. It is this which guarantees their continuing irrelevance.

'VINDICATOR'



SEVEN DAYS

Saturday 16th August.

Martin Smith, head of the Orange Order, and Convention member for the Official Unionist Party, addressed an open-air meeting of Orange men in Portadown and said: "When the Convention resumes next month, it will be clearly shown that in the inter-party talks currently taking place no trust will have been betrayed."

For Smith who is not a UDI exponent, and who is considered less to the right than Craig and Taylor, to speak in such uncompromising terms (an SDLP assessment) is a fair indication of the chances of Convention success.

Monday August 18th.

A Catholic house at Whitehall Parade, Ormeau Road, Belfast was bombed this morning. The blast injured a mother and her fifteen year old daughter.

In Glenkeen Avenue, Greenisland, shots were fired into a Catholic home.

The UDA in a statement (invertedly reflecting the recalcitrant mood of Vanguard components) demanded that the inter-party talks (SDLP/UUUC) should cease immediately. They also warned that they would engage Republican groups in "immediate indiscriminate and ruthless actions if the situation necessitated it."

After the Loyalist attacks on the Catholic Tunnell area in Portadown on Saturday Mr. Seamus Mallon condemned the actions of the residents who engaged in legitimate self-defence. Of course, he couched this condemnation with criticism of the RUC. So that his statement would not appear too collaborationist.

Several people we spoke to alleged that the RUC actually assisted the Tartan gangs in stone throwing.

In a statement released tonight in London the prisoners aid committee said that the torture of Irish prisoners as recently publicised in the Birmingham pub bombs trial

was not an isolated incident: "Eight other Irish prisoners were beaten up in the same prison at the same time and prison officers in Gartree opened Hugh Feeney's cell door and invited other prisoners to attack him. Only the intervention of Jake Prescott, the angry brigade prisoner, saved him".

At a Loyalist rally in Portadown tonight Thomas Carson, UUUC member, in a confusion of historical comparisons, said he was ready to lead 10,000 or even 100,000 men if they would rally round him to march to Stormont Castle as the Parisians had done when they stormed the Bastille. The crowd did not understand the symbolism, but they cheered him anyway.

Tuesday 19th August.

At Parliament buildings, Stormont, three SDLP men met three UUUC members for confidential talks on systems of Government ostensibly "involving the minority." David McKittrick reporting on the talks said "there is no suggestion of the talks breaking down."

The US State Department has refused to grant visas to four members of Sinn Fein — Jimmy Drumm, Maire Drumm, Joe Cahill and Sean Keenan. John McKeague of the UDA and Red Hand Commandos has also been refused a visa.

The Irish Government was accused by Mr. O'Malley, chairman of the Boston Committee for an Irish Forum, of putting pressure on the State Department.

Eight more internees were released from Long Kesh internment camp.

At a meeting in Parliament Buildings, fourteen official Unionists led by Harry West protested to Stan Orme, Minister of State for the six-counties, about current Government security policy.

Later the Unionists issued a statement: "Outrage was expressed at the continuing

Government understanding with the IRA and the current programme of continuing releases of internees."

not to hug and kiss them. Mrs. O'Hare quite rightly regards this restriction as inhuman and will not accept

rates. Hardly a sign of party unity and harmony.

There were two bomb explosions in Belfast today. At At-

Glen Barr (Var) said that "if it fails we have got other talking to do. We can put an end to it when we get on. Knock the stuff out of each other and end it..."

In a search of Windsor Bar, Belfast, the British RUC found the short fus.

In Altgar street, Belfast, British soldiers discovered a gelignite.

Mr. Hand, Ulster Unionist Convention member, in a letter to Merlin, complained that it is "square miles of the only" police helicopter and dustbin for the RUC/Army to employ.

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The home of the Bannon family in Atlantic Avenue after it was bombed.

Mrs. Rita O'Hare who is serving a three-year prison sentence in Limerick Jail on a trumped-up charge of alleged possession of explosives, has not had a visit during the last four months.

Prison authorities have laid down the condition that she could only receive visits from her children if she promised

visits on such a basis.

Mr. Sidney Spence, secretary of the Northern Ireland branch of the NUPE, said tonight that he had spoken to the crew of the ambulance involved in removing the injured soldier of the Dunlewey street last Friday night after the bomb explosion. They had told him that the ambulance was not interfered with in any way: "The ambulance was not stopped, the back doors of the vehicle were not opened, and there was nobody pointing guns," he said.

Wednesday August 20th.

Two Belfast teenagers were served with exclusion orders by Draconian Jenkins in Liverpool tonight. They had been held in custody for the past eight days.

The SDLP and UUUC talks broke down this afternoon. The contradictions within the SDLP recently had provoked the threat of a public split. The venal leadership (Fitt, Devlin, Hume and Currie) who are selling themselves to the Loyalists came under pressure from rural party members. Despite the party's official abandonment of the Civil Disobedience Campaign, and Currie's fine on protesters, John Turnley (SDLP Convention member for North Armagh) appeared in court last week for refusing to pay

Atlantic Avenue, North Belfast, an eighteen year old girl was injured when a bomb was thrown into a Catholic-owned house.

A blast bomb was thrown at the canteen in the Belfast City Abattoir in the docks area.

Workers were treated for shock.

The Association for Legal Justice claims that there is an anti-Catholic bias in legal system in the six-counties.

In a machine-gun attack on the Harp Bar, in Hill Street, North Belfast, a Catholic was wounded.

Thursday, 21st August.

In Brougham Street, North Belfast, at 7.30 a.m. this morning Mr. John Finlay, a Catholic, was shot dead on his way to work.

Three hours later at Glenormley a car salesman, Mr. David Davidson, a Protestant, was shot dead in a garage forecourt. Another person was shot and seriously injured in the same incident.

Also early this morning a 100lb car bomb left outside a Catholic-owned bar at Greencastle on the outskirts of Belfast was defused. The car was stolen a fortnight ago in the Loyalist Newtownabbey area.

In a BBC television interview

And when they were up,
They were up,
And when they were down,
They stayed down!



Glen Barr (Vanguard/UDA) said that, "If the Convention fails we have got to find some other talking shop whereby we can put forward solutions until we get one. Either we get a solution together or we knock the stuffing out of each other and winner takes all . . .".

In a search of the UVF—Windsor Bar, Shankill Road, Belfast, the British Army and RUC found three 10lb bombs with short fuses already primed.

In Altcar street in the Republican Short Strand District British soldiers in a planned search discovered about 25lbs of gelignite.

Mr. Harold McCusker, UUUC Convention member, in a letter to Merlin Rees complained that in an area of 70 square miles in South Armagh the only "policing" is by helicopter and that even the dustbin for the Crossmaglen RUC/Army post has to be emptied by such means.

He demanded wholesale curfews of the Derrybeg estate, Newry; Kilwikie estate, Lurgan; Drumrag estate, Armagh; and the "Tunnel" area of Portadown.

Aggravated by the truce McCusker said: "The incident centres have elevated the Provisional IRA to a position of pre-eminence in Catholic areas" to the detriment of established politicians.

We repeat, within the Republican community the constituency control of established SDLP politicians has been smashed. Political realism is on the streets where the majority of people recognise the importance of what IRA battalion their district falls under. They have no interest in the name of the ward or constituency or the MP who supposedly represents them.

In a militant speech celebrating the fifth anniversary of the founding of the party, Gerry Fitt, corrupt leader of the collaborationist SDLP said: "Evil forces would have succeeded if we had not given a political alternative . . ."

In a suicidal opener for his speech, Denis Haughey, Party Chairman, speaking about Nationalist and Republican politics, said, "Before us there was nothing . . . and now there is seventeen fat bank accounts throughout the six-counties."

The Rock Bar, Falls Road, Belfast was robbed of two hundred pounds tonight by criminals belonging to the stickies. Since their support is nil and since they are totally apart from the people, the hostility of the people of these anti-social activities makes no impression.

Friday 22nd August.

Corporal Harold Cardwell of the UDR (and who has been in the UVF for the last two and a half years) was granted six hundred pounds bail today for illegal possession of a sawn-off shotgun.

Early this morning a 45-year-old Protestant from East Belfast was shot in the Loyalist Village area of Belfast.

A no-warning bomb wrecked the home and bar premises of Mr. and Mrs. McCusker of Main

Remains of the Bar premises and the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mac Oscar, Main Street, Blackwater-town.



Street, Blackwater-town. The family escaped seconds before the explosion in this Loyalist attack.

Mr. William Daniel, a 27-year-old Catholic Lorries driver died in hospital today as a result of wounds he received last Saturday morning. We reported this attack, and a previous attack on Mr. Daniel on Tuesday 5th August, when a booby-trapped bomb underneath his lorry cab fell off and exploded harmlessly.

The six Irishmen sentenced to life imprisonment after the sham trial for the Birmingham Pub bombings are to appeal the court decision.

In a speech in Yorkshire tonight, Brian Faulkner, leader of the UPNI, criticised Merlin Rees for "treating with the Provisionals, and undermining the standing and authority" of the SDLP.

The B-Specials Association in Portadown issued a statement calling on Loyalists to support independence, rather than submit to shared power, a council of Ireland or an "indefinite period of disastrous direct rule."

In a resolution the Branch expressed full support for UUUC convention member Tom "Lafayette" Carson.

The Ulster Loyalist Central co-ordinating committee had a meeting with Minister of State, Stan Orme, and later the ULCCC held a press conference.

They complained about the current British security policy and said Loyalists were being harassed by the RUC and British Army. Glen Barr of the Vanguard/UDA led the delegation and he said they were not at this stage issuing an ultimatum or making any threats.

Three minutes after the RUC visited McGleenan's Bar in the Shambles area of Armagh UVF members arrived on the scene and started shooting into the Bar. A bomb they left behind exploded seconds later.

Two people, John McGleenan and Patrick Hughes, were killed and twelve others were seriously injured.

Saturday 23rd August.

A bomb thrown into the Trocadero Bar in the Catholic Markets district of Belfast seriously injured one man. Shots had been fired into the crowded pub before the bomb exploded.

At Craigavon in Co. Armagh three young people were taken from a disco and shot through the legs.

Lat night St. Anthony's Church just outside Larne was burnt to the ground in a malicious attack. This attack is consistent with a concerted campaign in East Antrim to drive out the Catholic popu-

lation. In the past Catholic schools, social clubs and parochial halls have been destroyed. Now in the St. Anthony's parish three thousand Catholic people have no where to worship.

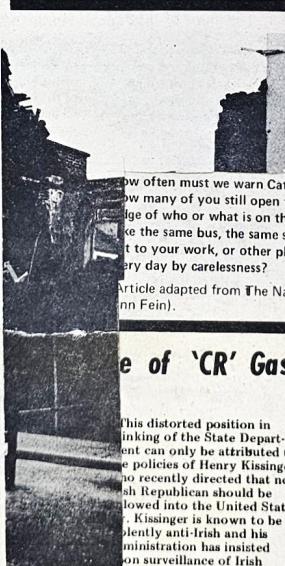
Sunday 24th August.

Airey Neave again criticised the security policy of Rees and threatened the Tory & Labour Bi-Partisan approach to the six-counties.

Monday 25th August.

The bodies of two men who had been shot were found close to the border in Co. Armagh. They have not been identified so far.

THREE DIE AT McGLEENAN'S BAR.



McGleenan's Bar, Frd. Mr. John McGleenan Hughes, a customer, a third victim, 22, of the Man; (The who died last Wed-

ow often must we warn Catholic people regarding their own safety. How many of you still open your doors at night, without any knowledge of who or what is on the other side of it? How many of you take the same bus, the same street, the same route day in and day out to your work, or other places? How many of you flaunt death every day by carelessness?

Article adapted from *The Nation*, the paper of Clonard Martyrs (Ann Fein).

of 'CR' Gas by British Army

This distorted position in linking of the State Department can only be attributed to the policies of Henry Kissinger who recently directed that no Irish Republican should be allowed into the United States. Kissinger is known to be a bluntly anti-Irish and his administration has insisted on surveillance of Irish Americans who criticise British policy in Northern Ireland. His actions meet with the approval of President Nixon.

As long as the administration of President Ford supports and condones the use of CR gas on Irish civilians, American credibility will suffer throughout the world. CR gas has been condemned by the British medical society, the British medical journal Lancet, and several American physicians who have pointed out that CR gas has never been tested against human beings and that its known quantities can cause serious permanent disability and even instant death, under certain circumstances. Once again, the State Department is out of step with the American public.

That day is the day of the Old Brigade; Kerry; The Town I Loved So Well; Only Our Rivers Run Free; Freedom Walk and, The Patriot Game. (All arrangements by Dermot O'Brien. Proceeds for Green Cross).

NEWS FLASH

We have just been informed that Rita O'Hare's demands have been met.

She's now accepting visits. Congratulations Rita from the people of Belfast.



NOTTINGHAM NEWS

A very successful anti-internment rally was held in Nottingham on Sunday, August 17th. The meeting, which was organised by the Fr. Murphy cumann, in conjunction with the Midlands C.C. of Sinn Fein, was held in the International Community Centre, Mansfield Road.

The speakers were Seamus Mac Oscar, well-known Belfast Republican; Pat Hickey, a well-known trade unionist in the Midlands and a U.C.A.T.T. convenor (Union of Construction and Allied Technical Trades) and Robin Rusher, a university lecturer who spoke on behalf of the Troops Out Movement.

from South Down Brigade
Oglaigh na h-Eireann.

The evening wore on and as we prepared to return home the thought was in many minds, "The fools, the fools, the fools, they have left us our Fenian Dead and whilst Ireland still holds these graves, Ireland unfree shall never be at Peace." Paul Magorian still lives.

S. HOLLYWOOD
South Down Correspondent.

DIE SOFTLY YOUNG REBEL

Die softly young rebel,
In the widow light of the day.

Feel no anguish at the bullet
which takes your birth away.
Pray freedom for the repressed
For the oppressors in their
blood will pay.

And seek glory in the knowledge
That you died for bright freedom's day.

G. BURKE.

Paisley's Friends

WELL-KNOWN Larne Loyalists, the McKee Brothers, the eldest of whom, Jacky, is Ian Paisley's election agent, have been having a bad time this year. **Bobby McKee**, the Larne U.V.F. Commander, was blown up in a booby-trapped car earlier this year.

He lost a leg as a result, and though same night a Catholic was machine-gunned to death in a nearby pub in retaliation, it later emerged that the booby-trap was set up by a faction within the U.V.F. itself. Bobby was apparently involved in a squabble over the size of his unit's contribution to the central U.V.F. funds. He was accused of not contributing enough.

He was also known to be against the gangster-like activities engaged in by many of the East Antrim U.V.F. men.

His brother, Jacky, friend and election agent of Ian Paisley, and a member of the D.U.P., has earned himself a "law and order" reputation in Larne as a member of its District Council. He has been issuing

strong statements condemning criminal activities in the area, such as the raiding of farmhouses and "small corner shops." Unfortunately, on the day that one such statement appeared in the "East Antrim Times" (18th June) his younger brother, Louis, was charged with the "aggravated burglary" of . . . a small corner shop in Larne.

Jacky was also prominent lately in spearheading the campaign of protest against the temporary employment of a seminarian in the massive Larne G.E.C. factory. He is the chairman of a committee in the factory representing all the Loyalist groups. His antipathy to the cloth goes back to the time he was hit on the head by a hurley stick wielded by a priest during a fight over whether or not local Catholic youths should be allowed to practice the game in a field near Jacky's house.

At the moment Jacky is a member of the Larne Council's Baths Committee, in spite of the fact that when he was younger he was banned from using Larne Public Baths due to an "offence" he committed there. But the poacher has now turned gamekeeper!

HIBERNIA Friday, August 15, 1975

In Memoriam

HUGH GERARD CONEY MEMORIAL

A committee has been formed to erect a fitting memorial to Lieut. Hugh Gerard Coney from Clonoe, Coalisland, who was killed while attempting to escape from Long Kesh Concentration Camp, on 6th November, 1974.

Anyone wishing to contribute to this fund should please send subscriptions to: Mr. J. Donnelly, 4 Gortgonis Park, Coalisland.

O'Neill, Kilpatrick and Coney Sinn Fein Cumann, Clonoe.



In Memoriam

In Proud and Loving memory of Staff Captain Thomas Harte I.R.A., murdered by Free State Quislings on 6th September 1940.

Six Counties are in bondage still,

Those men who died did this their will,
Until their free and oppressions cease,
Only then will they rest in peace.

Always remembered by the Officers and members. An Cumann Thomas Harte Sinn Fein, Lurgan.

The Annual Commemoration ceremony at the grave of Staff Captain Thomas Harte will take place on Sunday 7th September in St. Coleman's Cemetery, Lurgan. Parade will form up at the cemetery gates at 3.00 p.m. sharp. (Organised by An Cumann Thomas Harte in conjunction with the National Graves Association).

In Proud memory of Vol. Martin (Dicky) Curran. Killed in action August 1972. Lay him away on the hillside along with the brave and the bold, carve his name with pride in letters of purest Gold. Always remembered by his friend and comrade Davy, Magilligan P.O.W. Camp.

Continuing Para Brutality

At 1.30 a.m. Friday 22/8/75 a foot patrol of five Paras stopped two lads and ordered them into an entry in Dawson Street – Shandon Street (at the rear of Gerry Fitz's). They put them up against the wall and beat them with batons and rifles. After checking their identification and continuing to beat them for half an hour they were allowed to go.

They went to the Mater Hospital, their check-up showed that they had been beaten on the outside of their legs, backs, fingers, and had been kicked, on their privates, which are marrred and bruised. The names of the two boys are Jim Grego and Seamus Anderson. Jim Grego was ordered by the soldiers to shave off his moustache or they would shoot him. The Paras also threatened Seamus Anderson and members of his family.

BROOKEBOROUGH'S DISQUIET.

"I am convinced that the main aim of the IRA in maintaining the 'ceasefire' is to provoke the Protestant population to violence by blatantly displaying IRA power and vaunting the recognition which they have received from the British Government."

— Lord Brookeborough.



GUESS WHICH ONE IS THE BUTCHER ?

aid committee said that the torture of Irish prisoners as recently publicised in the Birmingham pub bombs trial

Later the Unionists issued a statement: "Outrage was expressed at the continuing

Prison authorities have laid down the condition that she could only receive visits from her children if she promised

And when they were up
They were up,
And when they were down,
They stayed down!



In Proud memory of Staff Captain James Carlin and V.O.T. Martin Curran "D" Coy. 2nd Batt. South Down Brigade. Killed in action 26th August, 1972. Always remembered by their friends D.A. Purry, K. Kelly, S. McGreevy, J. Fitzsimmons, P. Fitzsimmons, P. Brannigan, J. O'Hare, J. P.P. McDonald, P.O.W. Camp, Magilligan.

In proud and loving memory of Staff Captain James Carlin and Volunteer Martin Curran, Oglalaigh na h-Eireann. Leo O'Hanlon Sinn Fein, Cumann, Downpatrick.

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CATHOLIC ASSASSINATIONS

The assassinations of Catholics, which commenced in May 1972 on the instructions of William Craig, has now reached unbelievable and terrifying proportions. The daily increasing numbers of assassinations is superseded only by the barbarity by which they are carried out. The barbarism and cannibalistic tendencies of Loyalists is unequalled even in the far reaches of the jungles of Africa.

The assassination of Catholics which have been carried out to date fall into 2 categories (a) those perpetrated by loyalist murder squads (b) those carried out by the clandestine British Military Intelligence Squads.

PSYCHOPATHS

The murders of three members of the Miami Showband and Joseph Toland (78) of Bleary, Lurgan are only 4 of 400 murders carried out by assassins who have already been labelled by psychiatrists at Purdsburn as 'perverted psychopaths'. These psychiatrists have done a detailed analysis of the assassination of Catholics and their results would indicate a complete disregard for the victim, reducing him to the level of an animal.

Such is the mentality of the loyalist murder gangs, who roam these streets picking out their victims, man, woman or child. What is not commonly known is the way in which death is often inflicted on some of these Catholic people. Those victims who have had the extreme misfortune to fall into the hands of loyalists have sometimes been put through the most dreadful torture, sometimes extending over many days before death is a happy release (see photo).

FACTS COVERED UP

Some Catholics have died of sheer terror. These are the facts that the Press, the media, the R.U.C. and the British Government would like to cover up. Those poor people who are gunned down in their own doorway, on the streets going to work are in such a horrifying situation, better off (to say the least) than those who have fallen into the clutches of loyalists. Indeed it has often been remarked that the only thing that loyalists have not done to Catholic people is 'eat them.'

As many other cannibalistic actions have been done, such as gouging out the eyes of their victims, cutting off their noses, inflicting the stigma of our Lord on their hands and feet; filling gouged-out eye sockets with rosary beads, one poor Catholic boy was missing for 4 days; he died of terror after having his whole body burnt with cigarette ends; dropped on his head repeatedly, and having the stigma inflicted on his hands.

He lasted 4 days under this torture until he finally died. Another man from the Oldpark area received 170 stab wounds in his back. Even the Brits were appalled at this crime and supplied photographs of the body of this man to show the case up, but the press would not publish.

WOMEN LOYALISTS:

They say there is none more deadly than the female of the species, and in this regard female loyalists are none different. Consider the death of Ann O'Gibney, callously and inhumanly put to death over a period of several hours, while her child cried outside the door of the torture chamber.

Over the period May 1972 to August 1975, 400 Catholic people, and people married to Catholics have been put to death because of their association with the Catholic faith. Their deaths in many cases have been dreadful.

The silence of many has been too obvious. Willie Craig has now turned turtle, but even he cannot stop the monster he created. There are people who will think this article is rather bloodthirsty. We take the view that the truth must be told.

Catholic people are careless, they still hold fast to ideals of mercy, compassion from others; no compassion or mercy was shown to our 400 people now dead. No mercy was shown to the members of the Miami Showband who lined up on that lonely roadside to be gunned to death.

BRITISH ASSASSINATION SQUADS

Actively collaborating with the loyalists are the Brit Murder Squads, and they have claimed many lives. One was Daniel Rooney of St. James, another was Patrick McVeigh of Finaghy Road North. These are the deaths of the Brits have stated causing; consider the scores of others not claimed, but allowed to go under the umbrella of the loyalist murder gang? Consider the case of Patrick McIlhane, who was executed after he had completed a long days' work at his father's farm. Taken into a field and murdered there.



CARELESS CATHOLICS ARE DEAD

How often must we warn Catholic people regarding their own safety. How many of you still open your doors at night, without any knowledge of who or what is on the other side of it? How many of you take the same bus, the same street, the same route day in and day out to your work, or other places? How many of you flaunt death every day by carelessness?

(Article adapted from *The Nation*, the paper of Clonard Martyrs Sinn Fein).

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"This distorted position in thinking of the State Department can only be attributed to the policies of Henry Kissinger who recently directed that no Irish Republican should be allowed into the United States. Mr. Kissinger is known to be violently anti-Irish and his administration has insisted upon surveillance of Irish Americans who criticise British policy in Northern Ireland. His actions meet with the apparent approval of President Ford. The Watergate syndrome continues at the State Department.

COMMEMORATION OF STAFF CAPTAIN PAUL MAGORRIAN

As the evening sun cast a soft glow over a White Cross set in a wooded clearing, the people of Castlewellan gathered at the spot where Staff Captain Paul Magorrian was murdered by the British forces of occupation on August 14th, 1974.

The Commemoration, organised by Sinn Fein, began with a patriotic song, composed and sung by Rory O'Connor, the well-known folk-singer. This was followed by an Oration by Mr. Eamonn Caughey. Mr. Caughey speaking in Irish and English said, "We are assembled here to pay tribute to one of Ireland's greatest sons. Paul Magorrian was not only a great soldier and patriot he was a great man, loved by the people, who came to recognise his great qualities of unselfish devotion to his Country, and to the people whom he sought to defend against the tyrannical British enemy, who stalks out Country spilling blood and destruction in his path."

Mr. Caughey went on to relate how Staff Captain Magorrian returned from safety to carry on the struggle, even though he knew his life was in extreme danger, and the word was out that the enemy would shoot him on sight.

Continuing, Mr. Caughey said "The greatest honour we can do to Paul Magorrian is to be true to the Cause he loved and for which he gave his life – the establishment of a Free and Independent 32 County Republic of Ireland."

A Guard of Honour of Na Fianna Eireann paid tribute by lowering the National Flag whilst Reveille was being sounded.

Wreaths were laid by members of his family. Other wreaths were from Oak Grill Staff, Castlewellan Park Staff, Cedar Lounge Staff and three from South Down Brigade Oglala na h-Eireann.

The evening wore on and as we prepared to return home the thought was in many minds, 'The fools, the fools, the fools, they have left us our Fenian Dead and whilst Ireland still holds these graves, Ireland unfree shall never be at Peace.' Paul Magorrian still lives.

S. HOLLYWOOD
South Down Correspondent.

DIE SOFTLY YOUNG REBEL

Die softly young rebel,
In the widening light of the day.
Feel no anguish at the bullet
which takes your birth away.
Pray freedom for the repressed
For the oppressors in their blood will pay.
And seek glory in the knowledge
That you died for bright Freedom's day.

G. BURKE.

American News – Kissinger Approves Use of 'CR' Gas by British Army

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OUT NOW!
'What Price Justice?'

On this new L.P. Kathleen Lavery, the "Nightings of the Revolution," sings; Ireland Live On; Show Me The Man; Michael Gaughan; The Sniper's Promise; Monologue (The Price of Justice); Our Men in Crumlin Jail; The Boys of the

Old Brigade; Kerry; The Town I Loved So Well; Only Our Rivers Run Free; Freedom Walk and, The Patriot Game. (All arrangements by Dermot O'Brien. Proceeds for Green Cross).

PORTLAOISE

le DEASUN BREATNACH

EVEN the Riot Squad Gardai and the jailors in Portlaoise Jail regard Eamonn Mac Thomas as an honest man: they have said so publicly, often enough, anyway, in the jail, over the past year. Those in the Republican Movement do not have to be told that for, since he was a youngster, Eamonn has been saying and doing the honourable thing. Nor do members of the Old Dublin Society, or other learned bodies, require such affirmation, well acquainted as they are with the lecturer's (and author's) devotion to the historic truth.

On Wednesday morning, August 20, Eamonn was released from Portlaoise Jail after serving a sentence for being in possession of an incriminating document. The document in question was a statement from Osgaigh na hÉireann, for publication, and circulated widely among the media; in his case it was intended for publication in "An Phoblaicht", of which he was the Editor.

In writing responsibility for the document was acknowledged by another: this was ignored by the court. Responsibility was denied by Mac Thomas; this was ignored by the court. Built into the incriminating charge was automatic membership of an "illegal organisation" unless proved otherwise. Hearsay evidence of this was supplied by the Garda Siochana. Possession of the document involved three months' jail; that of "membership", 12 months.

Despite a furore among journalists and voiced by newspapers Mac Thomas was jailed, after only a few weeks of freedom, having served another "membership" sentence, again based on hearsey evidence, in the Special Criminal Court.

What was the real crime of Mac Thomas? Apparently, working to produce a daily newspaper for the Republican Movement and giving sufficient grounds to the authorities in Whitehall and Dublin that he was only too capable of achieving the published aim.

Eamonn Mac Thomas was met at the prison gates, as he left, by the Sinn Fein President, Ruairí Ó Brádaigh, and by the former fellow prisoner, Joe Cahill, hero of the 1969-'70 defence of Belfast. He is now on a well deserved holiday with his wife, Roisin. He has finished another book on Dublin which is being prepared for publication. But before he left for holidays he told me of what conditions are in Portlaoise Jail.

"Portlaoise is hell", he said. "The intention is to degrade, humiliate, provoke prisoners into physical retaliation for insults and other wrongs, the intention being to break men's spirits."

"Riot Squad Gardai outnumber the prisoners and are breathing down their necks all the time. Insults are part of their technique. If you as much as raise your head, colleagues enter your cell and beat you unconscious. You are told all the time that you are 'scum', that you have no rights, that even a bar of soap or a towel is a privilege."

"Even this morning I was leaving they had a special search of my cell. It began the way it always does, with warders banging on the bars and the windows of

every cell with a hammer.

"As they went about their search I reminded one of the Gardai of what Cosgrave was expecting of them in the way of patriotism that the state was short of money and that he was hoping that the screws and the Gardai would be willing to forego their overtime money and do voluntary overtime.

"Do you know what Garda's reaction was to this appeal in the name of patriotism? 'Béasait', he said, 'I don't think we'll get many volunteers for that!' Gardai think and speak of only two things in Portlaoise: overtime money and food".

Eamonn had sent into the prison, by his wife, and by learned societies, some very valuable books, some of them virtually priceless, to help him write another book on Dublin.

After the prisoners had ended their protest revolt against conditions some months ago, having held the jail for a period, the Dublin authorities gave orders for every cell to be hoisted out and all it contained to be destroyed.

Lost in the fury of that attack were 120 rare books on the Mac Thomas cell, some of them collected by him over a lifetime, others lent him by learned societies. He was hoping up to the last moment that some of them might have been salvaged and learned the barbaric truth only on his release.

He showed me the pants he was wearing. In the suitcase in which he had put those pants were the corresponding jacket with its gold faine and other items, now missing. Stolen?

In that destructive rampage of defenceless prisoners' cells, carried out by warders, backed up by hundreds of Gardai, the manuscript of a Mac Thomas book was also destroyed, as well as out of print copies of "Dublin Historical Records" (78 copies): the Old Dublin Society has done its best to make the loss good by supplying copies, where available, and photostat copies, where unavailable, all sent to his home by registered post.

"The fury and the desecration were unbelievable", he told me. "They came in and said, 'so this is a picture of your wedding: fuck your wedding', and destroyed it before our eyes. 'So this is the 1916 Proclamation', hanging on the wall of our cells: 'Fuck the Proclamation, Fuck 1916'. It was the same with religion, 'So this is a picture of your favourite saint: fuck your favourite saint', as they struck it down from the wall and trampled the pieces under their feet. 'This is Connolly: fuck Connolly .. This is Pearse: fuck Pearse .. These are pictures of your children and your parents .. fuck your children and your parents!'

"This may sound hysterical, or like violent black propaganda, but it is a fact, as every political prisoner leaving Portlaoise Jail will testify, under oath, if necessary", he added. "Of course the ordinary people will find it difficult, if not impossible, to believe. But it is the unadorned truth."

"Joe Cahill's precious crucifix, which he got from a nun, was broken in pieces and thrown out. A rosary beads a man got from his

mother was torn from him and destroyed. It was to emphasise that we had no rights. No rights at all. For days that message was hammered home as we were forced to eat, like animals, from the floor.

The basis for the Cooney statement that "prisoners have no rights", is believed to be based on a 19th century British imperial law designed to punish to the utmost Irish political prisoners. "Béasait", he said, "I don't think we'll get many volunteers for that!" Gardai think and speak of only two things in Portlaoise: overtime money and food".

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O'Connell, in particular for his alleged "Catholic emancipation". He said: "Catholic emancipation has not reached Portlaoise Prison yet. Mass is celebrated in the prison wing. There is no church, no oratory. The flame of the candle for the Sunday Mass instead of being upright is bent flat by the draught. In the worst of the Penal Days, the people had the shelter of a rock, a tree or bushes. There is no shelter in Portlaoise .. we understand that the Bishop applied to visit the jail and was refused".

relatives, especially wives and very especially children.

No physical contact is allowed. A father may not embrace his children. He may not kiss his wife. Communication, such as it is, is achieved through iron bars, glass, heavy glass. The most intimate matters have to be shouted out or left unsaid. For Eamonn it was particularly trying: he is deaf in one ear, and although he wears glasses, his sight is poor and deteriorating.

"My children", he said, "visited me once, turned aside and cried. That was the last visit. They didn't want to go there again. They were terrified and frustrated. Portlaoise is no place for family visits: it's inhumane – that is the exact description".

If you, reader, are a tax-payer, this is what you are financing; this is what is being done in your name. If you are a voter, and have voted for the present Dublin regime, this is the monster you have created.

Behind the Portlaoise inhumanity, brutality and studied attack on the minds and emotions of the inmates – an attack with a political purpose, passed in sentence by no judge in any court of law – is fear, great fear.

"Everyone concerned is scared stiff", said Eamonn Mac Thomas. "They never know when the day of reckoning will dawn, in one way or another".



Cosgrave had spoken of O'Connell's alleged support of modern democracy: "I challenge him to a TV debate on O'Connell, his patriotism and the state he founded", he said.

From the broad humanitarian viewpoint, perhaps the worst aspect of Portlaoise Jail conditions is the effect on visitors, particularly on close

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